

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 1
Castle Hill – Chapman - Mapleton – Presque Isle – Westfield

MINUTES

Board of Directors
October 14, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Presque Isle High School Cafeteria

Directors Present:

Desiree Albert (13)	John R. Johnston (15)
Carol Bell (6)	Lori Kenneson (9)
Jim Bubar (10)	Joanna Newlands (2)
Robert Cawley (5)	Michael Ouellette (4)
Curtis Culberson (11)	Lucy Richard (12)
Dan Edgecomb (1)	Terry Sandusky (3)
Julie Freeman (16)	Stephen Sutter (7)
Susan Goulet (14)	Paul Saija (17)
Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway (8)	

Others Present: Approximately 20 members of the public and one member of the press.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Lucy Richard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Announcements**

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3. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the Agenda.

4. **Acceptance of the Agenda**

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Jim Bubar to accept the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Presentations**

There were no presentations.

6. **Public Participation**

There were no requests for public participation.

7. Approval of Minutes – Board of Directors – September 16, 2020

Chair Richard noted two errors in the minutes. Curtis Culberson, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met prior to the September meeting to review the August financials, and Lori Kenneson is Section 9, not Section 16.

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Terry Sandusky to approve the minutes with corrections to be made. Motion carried 16-1. (1 abstention – Lori Kenneson).

8. Approval of Bills and Warrants Signed to Date – September 2020

Assistant Superintendent for Business Clint Deschene provided the Board with an overview of the bills and warrants signed to date for September 2020. It was moved by Curtis Culberson and seconded by Jim Bubar to approve the September 2020 bills and warrants signed to date as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Superintendent’s Report

a. Superintendent Greenlaw reported to the Board that week 6 of reopening is going well

- The number of students choosing to learn remotely has decreased to 9.5% district-wide, down from 12% at the start of school.
- Teachers are having difficulties attempting to meet the needs of in-person and remote students simultaneously.
- He reported that District and school staff are working on a plan to transition to remote learning if cases in our District and county increase significantly.
- He stated how beneficial it is to have additional staff to assist our schools in reopening safely.

b. He reported that the COVID 19 relief funds are going to be issued for a second round.

- The second round of money must be spent by 12/31/20. The District plans to spend the bulk of the second round on the following:

- I-Pads for grades K-6 students
- Smart Board updates
- Supplies
- Professional Development
- Freezer storage for food services
- Masks and shields
- Cameras
- Windows for Presque Isle High School on Griffin Street
- Covid Relief Funds used for additional hours for teachers
- Covid Relief Funds used to hire full-time subs in all buildings

Discussion followed.

- c. Superintendent Greenlaw provided the Board with October 15, 2020 student enrollment information. He reported enrollment is down 66 students from the 2019-2020 report, and there is a 9% decrease from 2014-2015 to now. The lowest numbers are in grade 5, 8, and 10. He will provide the Board with numbers from the October 1 enrollment when Daren Hunter has them finalized for the state.
- d. He reported the US Department of Agriculture has extended the free breakfast/lunch for all students to June 2021.

10. **Old Business – Discussion/Action**

There was no old business

11. **Committee Reports**

Terry Sandusky, Chair of the CTE Committee, reported the farm has had a bumper crop of apples. The committee met on September 23, 2020 and discussed concerns regarding enrollment and the state funding formula.

Paul Saija, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported the committee met on September 28, 2020 at Presque Isle High School. He reported on the following summer projects:

Pine Street – Leak in pipes fixed and painted during the summer and they now have a portable classroom building.

Mapleton – Boiler replaced.

Presque Isle Middle School – Installed a vertical lift.

Presque Isle High School – Upgraded the softball field.

Curtis Culberson, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed and approved the September financials and bills and warrants.

There were no other committee reports.

12. **New Business – Discussion/Action**

- a. Consideration of revisions the to 2020-2021 school calendar

Superintendent Greenlaw reported that they have been working on ways to allow teachers some free time to work on planning for remote instruction. He recommended revisions to the 2020-2021 school calendar that would help the teachers free up some time which would include adding three early release days to the 20-21 school calendar. They would include three Fridays - October 30, November 13, and December 11, 2020.

Discussion followed.

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It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Joanna Newlands to approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar to include the three early release days. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Lori Kenneson to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.
Motion carried.

/s/ Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Greenlaw